# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# WATER RESOURCES
# LOK SABHA

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FLOOD IN ICHAMATI RIVER
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is aware of the sudden flash flood in the river Ichamati recently in the Basirhat subdivision in the North 24 Parganas District of West Bengal;

(b) if so, whether the Government has conducted any survey to contain flood in future;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(d) the quantum of funds allocated/released by the Government to the State Governments during the current year?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES, PUBLIC ENTERPRISES AND WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV)

(a) As per the information furnished by Government of West Bengal, the level of river Ichamati was high during September, 2005 due to high upland discharge synchronized with high tide.

(b) & (c) The State Government has intimated that due to the reasons mentioned above, no special survey was done in the Basirhat region. High ruling level in the river caused breach of embankment in one place and caused damages in vulnerable locations. The breach closure works have been completed and restoration works in the vulnerable reaches have been taken up selectively on priority basis.

(d) Nil.